

who think it's only a good idea if you have a strong weapons program, I think this budget ought to take care of that. Coupled with the out-year projections, it takes care of the concerns about the complex and it does very good things about the stockpile and it should keep the labs healthy.

I don't quote Henry Kissinger very often, but Henry Kissinger says it pretty well when he says:

It should be noted I come from the hawkish side of this debate, so I'm not here advocating these measures in the abstract. I try to build them into my perception of the national interest. I recommend ratification of this treaty.

Henry Kissinger says he recommends ratification of this treaty. And, finally, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mullen:

I, the Vice Chairman, and the Joint Chiefs, as well as our combatant commanders around the world, stand solidly behind this new treaty, having had the opportunity to provide our counsel, to make our recommendations, and to help shape the final agreements.

It is not just us, but it is our children and their children that have a lot at stake with respect to reducing the number of nuclear weapons, reducing the delivery vehicles. It is the case that the amount of plutonium that will fit in a soda can, the amount of highly enriched uranium the size of a couple of grapefruits will produce a nuclear weapon that will have devastating consequences. So one of our obligations is to try to make sure nuclear material—the material with which those who wish to make nuclear weapons can make those weapons—stays out of the hands of terrorists. That is one of our jobs. We are working very hard on that. We have programs that work on that constantly.

Second is to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons. I described the countries that we know have nuclear weapons. Now we have to stop the proliferation and stop other countries from getting nuclear weapons. That is our responsibility. We have to be a world leader to do that.

As I said, if, God forbid, somehow in the future—5 years, 10 years, or 20 years from now—a nuclear weapon is exploded in a major city, and hundreds of thousands are killed, life on this planet is not going to be the same. That is why it seems to me that a very important start—and this is just a start, not a finish—is to take this treaty that has been negotiated, bring it to the floor of the Senate, and have this discussion. I would expect there will be Republicans and Democrats who will come down on the same side of this issue—that it is a better world, a safer world when we meet our responsibility to lead on the issues of nonproliferation, when we meet our responsibilities to lead on the matter of reducing nuclear weapons and reducing delivery vehicles.

That is what this New START treaty does. It does it in a very responsible way. So my hope will be that in the coming 2 months or so that we will

have a robust discussion of the START treaty and have the celebration of having had the debate and had the vote and then exclaiming to the world that this was a success—that this treaty was a success. Yes, a first step but a success.

Beyond this treaty, there will be other negotiations that will take us to other areas in reductions. I think, as a result, if we do what we should be expected to do, this can be a safer world.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURRIS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING THE DAILY SPARKS TRIBUNE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to extend my warmest congratulation to the Daily Sparks Tribune of Sparks, NV, on their historic milestone.

The Daily Sparks Tribune is celebrated throughout Nevada for its first-class journalism, which continues this week for the 100th consecutive year.

The Tribune has been in circulation since 1910, representing news of both Sparks, NV, and the greater State. In 1901, Senator Thomas A. Kearns bought the newspaper, along with three other regional papers. The newspaper now circulates to over 5,000 businesses and homes in Nevada.

The Nevada Press Association has honored the work of the Daily Sparks Tribune on many occasions for their outstanding investigatory, editorial, journalistic, photographic, and philanthropic accomplishments. In 2009 alone, the newspaper received 17 awards in the annual Nevada Press Association awards.

Not only has the Daily Sparks Tribune provided Nevadans with a spectacular news source, but it has also become a central part of our community.

I join with Nevadans throughout the Silver State to honor the Daily Sparks Tribune for its 100 years of circulation. It is one of Nevada's oldest community newspapers, and we wish it many more decades of success and readership.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

MAJOR RONALD W. CULVER, JR.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I honor MAJ Ronald W. Culver, Jr., 44, of El Dorado. Major Culver was killed May 24 in Numaniyah, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. According to initial reports, Major Culver died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Major Culver was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 108th Cavalry, Army National Guard, Shreveport, LA.

My heart goes out to the family of Major Culver, who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our Nation. Major Culver's wife and children reside in El Dorado. His mother and father live in Shreveport, LA.

As a member of the Louisiana National Guard, Major Culver served three tours of duty in Iraq. During his military career, he was awarded numerous service medals and was posthumously awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, as well as a Combat Action Badge from the State of Louisiana.

Culver was an active member of the El Dorado community, serving in various capacities with Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Union County 4-H Foundation board, Saddle Club, Main Street El Dorado, and the John C. Carroll VFW Post 2413, where he was the post commander at the time of his death.

Along with all Arkansans, I am grateful for the service and sacrifice of all of our military servicemembers and their families. More than 11,000 Arkansans on Active Duty and more than 10,000 Arkansas reservists have served in Iraq or Afghanistan since September 11, 2001.

It is the responsibility of our Nation to provide the tools necessary to care for our country's returning servicemembers and honor the commitment our Nation made when we sent them into harm's way. Our grateful Nation will not forget them when their military service is complete. It is the least we can do for those whom we owe so much.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to address comments made on the floor of the U.S. Senate on June 8, 2010. The senior Senator from Montana accused me of slandering an individual. That individual is President Obama's nominee to be the next Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, Administrator, Dr. Donald Berwick.

The Senator from Montana is incorrect. I want the record to accurately reflect the foundation on which I made my comments on the floor. I told the Senate that the nominee to be the next CMS Administrator "loves the British health care system and says we are going to need to ration care. The new Director of Medicare is planning to ration care."

I based my comments solely on historic statements made and articles written by the nominee about the British health care system and rationing care. These statements include:

1. "The decision is not whether or not we will ration care—the decision is whether we will ration with our eyes open." You can find this statement in: "Rethinking Comparative Effectiveness Research," An Interview with Dr. Donald Berwick, Biotechnology Healthcare, June 2009.

2. "I fell in love with the NHS to an American observer, the NHS . . . is